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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: TEST AND EVALUATION DATA ON 25MM GUN

1. THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP) HAS A
COMMERCIAL CONTRACT WITH FMC (SAN JOSE CA) FOR 45 ARMORED
INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLES (AIFV) AND 6 AIFV FAMILY RECOVERY
VEHICLES. FOR THIS FIRST PROCUREMENT, THE AIFV
WILL BE FITTED WITH THE SWISS MADE OERLIKON 25MM GUN.
THE AFP IS CONSIDERING A SECOND PROCUREMENT OF AIFV'S
AND HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE WEAPON SELECTED
FOR U.S. ARMY BUSHMASTER PROGRAM.

2. THE AFP HAS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING:

A. A COPY OF THE U.S. ARMY TEST AND EVALUATION
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REPORT ON THE OERLIKON 25MM GUN IF SUCH A TEST AND EVALUA-
TION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED.

B. A COPY OF THE U.S. ARMY TEST AND EVALUATION REPORT
ON THE WEAPON SELECTED FOR THE BUSHMASTER PROGRAM IF THAT
DECISION HAS BEEN MADE. (WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE AFP MAY
SOON ASK WHETHER THE WEAPON SELECTED FOR THE BUSHMASTER
PROGRAM COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE AFP AND IN WHAT

TIME FRAME.)

3. THE AFP IS FINANCING THE FIRST PROCUREMENT OF THE AIFV WITH FMS CREDITS, HOWEVER, SEVERAL FOREIGN MADE COMPONENTS, INCLUDING THE OERLIKON GUN, ARE BEING FINANCED FROM OTHER SOURCES SINCE THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FMS CREDIT FINANCING. WE BELIEVE AFP INTEREST IN THE BUSHMASTER IS GENERATED BY ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR FMS CREDIT FINANCING AS WELL AS A PREFERENCE FOR U.S. EQUIPMENT AND FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT.

4. EARLIEST ADVICE IN THIS MATTER WILL BE APPRECIATED. PLEASE INCLUDE JUSMAG-PHIL, ATTN: JPMD-F, AS AN INFO ADDRESSEE ON THE REPLY. MURPHY

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